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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2009, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group VI, claims 1-17, 20, in part, and 26-27, drawn to a method of genotyping based on the combination of connexion 26, pendrin, mitochondrial 12s rRNA, and usherin. Applicants further provisionally elect SEQ ID NO: 1 as the elected sequence for continued prosecution.

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